





Schedule of Services

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Shemini Atzeret Service w/Yizkor

5:30 PM Simchat Torah

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30 AM Zachi Dankowicz's Bar Mitzvah **Egalitarian Traditional Minyan** 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor 7:30 PM **Erev Shabbat Service**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

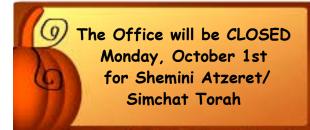
10:00 Aм Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00 AM High School Service





Monday, October 1st

Please join us on Monday morning, October 1 at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary for Shemini Atzeret services conducted by the Egalitarian Traditional Minyan. This service will feature Yizkor memorial prayers. A kiddish luncheon will follow.

On Monday evening, we will gather for our community celebration of Simchat Torah. We will begin at 5:30 PM, with a pizza dinner courtesy of Ralph Senn and Garcia's Pizza in a Pan.

Following dinner, we will have a festival service featuring liturgy drawn from our Torah scrolls, and consecration of our newest Sinai Temple Religious School students. Then we'll enjoy festive dancing and rejoicing with the Torah! It's fun for all ages!

A BIG Thank You to all the Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who volunteered your time and energy in helping clean the outside and inside of our Temple during the Labor of Love. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Carol Belber

Rabbi Alan, Rabbi Jody, Gabe,

Orli & Eden Cook

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Tony Soskin for extra pruning and hauling away the brush

Jake, Malachi & Zev Sosnoff

Steve Woolf

From Rabbí Alan Cook's Desk





I enjoy museums. I'm not usually the type of visitor who must read every placard for every display, but I do try to absorb as much as I can from the exhibits. Whether a collection is focused on art, history, science, or culture, I appreciate how the curators have worked to bring together under one roof a range of materials designed to tell a particular story or to give a

snapshot of a particular moment in human experience.

As I write this piece in early September, I have recently encountered two stories of interest and concern pertaining to museums. First, the Museu Nacional, Brazil's oldest science and historical museum, was largely destroyed by fire. This 200-year-old museum in Rio housed many important artifacts, pertaining not only to Brazil's history but also worldwide culture. Lost artifacts included a 12,000 year-old skeleton, the oldest in the Americas. One Brazilian official stated that the fire was like a "lobotomy of the Brazilian memory."

A second piece of museum-related news came in a recent expose of the Museum of the Bible, an institution in Washington, DC supported by a number of evangelical Christian groups, including the Green family, who run the "Hobby Lobby" chain of stores. The museum owns more than 1,800 Torah scrolls, a fraction of which they display to the public as a way of demonstrating the evolution of religious thought.

In both of these instances, we get a glimpse into the importance of remembering our history, and of thinking about how our stories get told. The Brazilian Museum will hopefully rebuild; it will need to create new exhibits or use replicas in order to continue to educate its visitors. The Bible museum tells a story that expresses a very specific worldview;

those who disagree have the opportunity and obligation to reclaim ownership of our heritage and to reject this appropriation of our story.

October marks the 45th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War between Israel and her neighbors. This comes on the heels of Israel's 70th birthday, commemorated in May. As with the aforementioned museum collections, we see that with the passage of time, the narratives continue to shift as new stories are told and new understandings of these events are posited. As Jews, we are challenged to work for the day when the reality of Israel matches the ideals and promise under which she was first created. There is much to love about Israel; there is also much that—to me, at least—remains challenging. But unlike a museum exhibit, which tends to be static in its viewpoint, Israel, and the conversation about her, remains dynamic and fluid. May we continue to find ways to simultaneously celebrate her and to challenge her to be the best she can be.

One final piece of museum news: it was just reported that a pair of ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland during the filming of "The Wizard of Oz," which had been stolen from a museum 13 years ago, has been recovered. While these are but a minor piece of pop culture arcana, they symbolize a belief in wonder and beauty, and in a world where there's "no place like home."

May our Jewish home ever be a place of wonder and beauty, and, of course, a place of peace and opportunity for all.

B'Shalom.

Rabbi Alan Cook

CUJF PRESENTS....

Tzedakah: Conversations about the tradition of Tzedakah—charity and justice, with Rabbi Steven Sager.

Thursday, October 11, 5:30–7:00 PM at Sinai Temple

Join us for a thought provoking conversation about Tzedakah. All talks are open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

URJ DAY OF LEADERSHIP LEARNING

Sunday, October 28, 2:00-5:00 PM, Sinai Temple

This workshop is open to members of our congregation and prospective synagogue leaders from across central Illinois. There is a fee of \$10 to attend.

This is an effort on the part of the URJ to help congregations identify and educate their future leaders. The workshop is open to anyone who is interested in attending.

Bulletin Submission: The deadline to submit information for the **November Bulletin is October 15th**. All submissions may be edited for length and content. **EMAIL submissions to:** Roxanna Davison, assistant@sinaitemplecu.org.

From the Board



Happy New Year 5779! In my Rosh Hashanah speech this year, I focused on some aspects of our Temple renovation, which I'd like to reiterate here.

The purpose of our renovation is to make Sinai an inclusive and welcoming place for everyone who wishes to come here. A big part of achieving that goal is improving the physical space, including, at the very least, greater physical accessibility, better acoustics and better visibility, utilizing current best practices. But more than that, Sinai should be a mirror for all of us, reflecting who we are and where we are going as a community. For that reason, it is important for each and every member of Sinai to participate in shaping the new temple. Each of us must contribute that unique portion of himself or herself that adds our vision and personality to the whole. Sinai Temple is like a jigsaw puzzle. If any piece is left out, the entire puzzle suffers.

This project will be a collaboration between all of us at Sinai and the architectural firm of Ratio Design. Back in January, the Board created the Sinai Renovation Committee, whose dedicated members have done a terrific job, among other things, studying synagogue designs from around the country. I thank them for their commitment to the Temple! In the next phase of the project, their expertise will be invaluable in helping us as a community decide what we want our new Temple to be. They will facilitate parlor meetings with the congregation to gather input and work closely with Ratio to make sure they know who we are and what we need. I encourage everyone to attend one or more of these meetings.

Of course, more than just our ideas are needed to bring this project to fruition. We will all need to make a financial commitment to the renovation as well. The Sinai Development Committee will be organizing and facilitating the fundraising campaign—called "Y'sod LeAtid," or "A Foundation for the Future."

Something very special will be happening at Sinai Temple at the end of this month, thanks to the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), an umbrella group of congregations to which our Temple belongs: the "URJ Day of Leadership Learning" on Sunday, October 28, from 2 to 5 pm. In addition to members of our own congregation, the workshop is also open to prospective synagogue leaders from across Central Illinois. This is an effort on the part of the URJ to help congregations identify and educate their future leaders. The workshop is open to anyone who is interested in attending. There is a nominal \$10 fee to cover expenses, but don't let the fee be a barrier to your attendance; if you need a fee waiver, please contact Rabbi Alan. Check with the office about registration.

Anyone who has ever been involved in Temple leadership,

served on the Board or served on a Temple committee knows that, amid all the time and effort, there can also be immense satisfaction and joy. Service to the Temple can be a great way to discover and develop leadership skills you never knew you possessed. It's also a chance to get to know people better with whom you serve through shared work and goals.

Leadership from people of all ages blesses our community with a connection to our rich past and a vision for a bright future. You're never too young or too old to get involved. I urge anyone whose curiosity I may have piqued to attend the workshop and see for yourself!

See you in Temple!



SINAI TEMPLE SEPTEMBER 2018 BOARD MEETING

□ URJ Day of Learning at Sinai Temple

Will be on October 28 at 2-5 pm. Great opportunity to learn and share knowledge with the larger URJ community. Rabbi hoping registration will be up soon. Nominal \$10 charge for participant.

⋄ New Temple memberships

At the recent religious school registration, we received applications from new families. We are so excited to have these new families join our community!

Over the past year and a half or so we've done a lot of outreach to the Israeli community, including the recent Mitzvah Girls event. The board will be exploring the process of doing more outreach and similar events.

This year's Labor of Love was very successful! We had 35 people come and donate their time. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

- Additionally, the playground being constructed by Jake Rosenbaum is coming along nicely and is very close to being completed.
- The board would like to thank everyone who participated in the Renovation Committee for all of their hard work and dedication. We have reached out to the committee to establish and communicate next steps.

From our Educator



Sunday morning . . . If your house is anything like mine, there is a rush to get kids up and ready for Sinai Temple Religious School. You might have plans to go to the grocery store, grab a cup of coffee and catch up with a friend or head to the gym. Certainly, all of these are important for your well-being, but I would like to offer you another opportunity for Sunday morning—spend the morning at Sinai Temple! We have done a lot to transform our program while still maintaining the integrity of a religious school. The building is so alive on Sundays, and you are missing out! It's okay to start slowly you don't need to commit to being here every week, but you might decide that you can devote a few hours to learning with our adult community, volunteering to lead an elective, helping in a primary school room, hanging out at Sinai Café or just finding a project at temple that needs some attention.

During the month of October, I want to highlight a particularly meaningful and important opportunity. Our community has a well established chevra kadisha—burial society. Lee Melhado, Alice Berkson, Leanna Cossman and Rabbi Alan will be leading Sunday Adult Education sessions on Jewish customs for dying, death, burial and mourning. Please consider coming to these sessions (meeting from 10:30-11:30 on Sunday

mornings) to learn about these traditions and participate in a hands on experience of tahara, wrapping a body for burial. The Chevra Kadisha, facilitated by CUJF, and the Sinai Temple cemetery committee want to involve more members in the community. By becoming educated in the process of being a shomer (guard) and tahara (ritual wrapping of the body), you can perform a great mitzvah and honor members of our community when they die. The four sessions are titled:

Essential Actions and Cemetery Procedures: (October 7) Jewish Funerals in Champaign-Urbana: (October 14) Chevra Kadisha, the Champaign-Urbana Burial Society: (October 21)

What Comes Next? And Other Questions: (October 28)

I can't wait to see you here soon on a Sunday morning!

THREE AND UNDER CHAVURAH

We will have our first Three and Under Chavurah on Thursday, October 18. I remember thinking, when I was pregnant with Eden, that I didn't know of any other families who were expecting around the same time and that she wouldn't have friends in her religious school class. I WAS WRONG! Instead, there was a Jewish Baby Boom!

Naturally, with Hand in Hand overflowing, the logical step is to create an informal play group for families with children three and under. Please join us-older siblings are welcome to come!

Thursday, October 18 @ Sinai Temple — 5:30-7:00

Parents/Caregivers can bring their own dinner. Substantial snack food will be available for the kids. There will be time for kids to explore and play, a craft, opportunities for parents to talk and time to share Jewish parenting experiences and challenges. All members of the CU Jewish community are invited!

> No cost—Kindly RSVP to Rabbi Jody by October 15 educator@sinaitemplecu.org

DATES TO KNOW:

RELIGIOUS/HEBREW SCHOOL DATES:

Sundays: October 7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

CONSECRATION OF NEW STUDENTS:

Monday, October 1—during the Simchat Torah celebration. All NEW students in Pre-K and up will receive a blessing. certificate and small gift.

THREE AND UDER CHAVURAH:

Thursday, October 18

SHABBAT ROCKS!/NEXT DOR:

Friday, October 19

Announcements



ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays, 10:30-11:30 am

On most Sundays when Religious School is in session, we are pleased to offer our Adult Education classes from 10:30–11:30 AM. Classes are open to the entire community, regardless of whether you have a student enrolled in Sinai Temple Religious School. Come grab a cup of coffee from Sinai Cafe, and enjoy learning with your friends. Our October series will be "Resting in Peace," a four-week session led by Rabbi Alan and members of the *Chevra Kadisha* of Champaign-Urbana. We will learn about preparations for death, Jewish burial rituals, and how the *Chevra Kadisha* functions.

BOOK GROUP

Monday, October 15th, 7:30 pm

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading *Travels with Myself and Another* by Martha Gellhorn. Host and Facilitator: Ann Sapoznik, 308 Yankee Ridge Lane, U. (367-5262) Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

TORAH STUDY Saturdays, 9:00 AM

The Sinai Temple Torah Study Group meets in the Sinai Temple Library, and all are welcome to attend our stimulating lay-led discussions. Throughout 5779, we will begin exploring the entirety of the Tanakh, not just the Torah. Newcomers are welcome to come study with us!

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA Tuesdays, 10:45 AM to 11:30 AM No Class on Tuesday, October 2

SHAL*OM! Please come and try your first class for free! People have said the class is calming, refreshing and provides a nice, gentle stretch and great start to their day. Be sure to let Robin know that you are coming by email robinfans1@gmail.com or by phone at 217-367-8053.

VIMs

Thursday, October 4 at 11:45 AM

Calling all women 55 and older, come join us for lunch and fellowship at Houlihans in Champaign. We meet the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to join us, please email Astrid Berkson at astridjb@comcast.net.

CHAI LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 9th at 11:30 am

The CUJF Seniors Program invites you to When Stars Attack! Radioactive Rain from Near-Earth Supernova Explosions, presented by Professor Brian Fields. Lunch will be served and the cost of the event is \$5.00. Please RSVP by October 7th by contacting the CUJF office at 367-9872 or cujf@cujf.org. Transportation is available. Please notify the CUJF if you are in need of a ride.



Zachi Dankowicz Bar Mitzvah



Zachi Dankowicz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 6, 2018. We invite you to join us for this special event!

Zachi is the son of Harry and Melanie Dankowicz, and brother of Even and Lia.

In the seventh grade at Next Generation School, Zachi enjoys being a part of the scholastic

bowl and basketball teams. He likes to sing with the Central Illinois Children's Choir and play trumpet, and relax with his friends while playing video games. A special thank you to Lynn Wachtel for her extraordinary guidance as Zachi prepares for his bar mitzvah.

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This listing only reflects donations received through mid-September. Donations received after this date will be acknowledged in future Bulletins.

Save Date

CUJF's 2018 Annual Dinner with Rabbi Evan Moffic Sunday, November 4, 6:00 PM, Illini Hillel

Rabbi Moffic, author of the book, *The Happiness Prayer*. *Ancient Jewish Wisdom for the Best Way to Live Today*. He will speak on what makes us happy and how an ancient formula can help. 2000 years ago there was a prayer for happiness and how that prayer has helped thousands of people. No matter where you are in life, finding purpose is easier that you think.

Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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October Sale

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Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah:

Zachi Dankowicz, October 6 Isaac Fisher, November 10

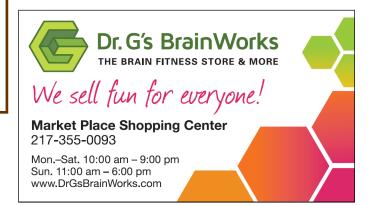
REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00 AM-1:00 PM (during Religious School) Wednesdays 4:00 PM-6:00 PM (during Hebrew School)

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Sylvia Gordon (11 Oct) Merle Garber Hamburg (6 Oct)

David Herman (3 Che) Jack Kemp (11 Oct)

Max R. Klein (12 Oct)

Max Kushner (8 Oct) Isadore Jack Levy (7 Oct) Rachel Frank Litman (10 Oct) Aaron Edward Markoff (11 Oct)

Leah Norian (7 Oct)

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Emily Sara Peterman (6 Oct)

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Ida Spatt (10 Oct)

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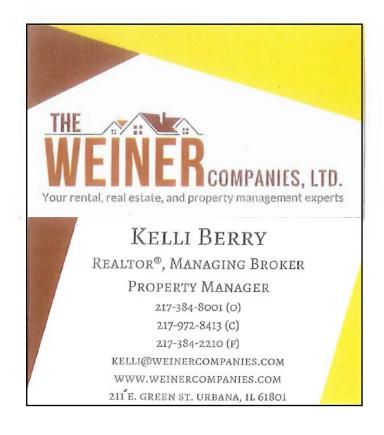
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